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Slogan And Special Postmarks Revealed

Slogans which can be obtained on the prepared postal cards or envelopes of collectors have been announced by the Post Office Department.

Pottsville, Pa. notes its sesquicentennial from August 1 through September 29.

The slogan at St. Louis, Mo. is for the Mid America Jubilee and will be used from June 1 through September 30.

Eastland, Texas urged its citizens to support the United Fund. Currency of the killer is September 1 to November 30.

Cards or envelopes to the respective postmasters must be accompanied with a request for the imprint of the slogan die.

In Philadelphia, Pa. in connection with the first day of issue of the 10c Independence Hall stamp July 4, a special postmark has been devised for the Independence Hall Station.

When the American Philatelic Society meets at St. Louis there will be a special postmark at the convention post office.

Collinsville, Ill. Re-Elects All Officers

Officers newly elected for the Collinsville, Ill. Philatelic Society are headed by president Allan O. Claus. He and the following were all reelected to their respective official duties they having served the group in the 1955-56 fiscal year.

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We blasted this sucker issue some months ago — we continue to see no merit in it. We have refused the advertising which other stamp papers have accepted. Perhaps they care more for the money than the good of their readers! These other editors and publishers know the story on this Panama Popes issue.

If you still want to make a purchase after reading our editorial comments next week, that is entirely up to you. But don't worry about their being sold out and your getting left. There'll be plenty — the sponsors will see to that!

Carl P. Rueth, Editor

Ireland's Postal Department; Its Organization, Services To The Public And Collectors

The six counties of the North of Ireland have the same postal arrangements as the islands of Great Britain, and do not come under the jurisdiction of the Irish Post Office.

The Irish Post Office by virtue of the Post Office Acts is headed by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs who, subject to certain exceptions, has the exclusive privilege of carrying letters and performing services incidental to that privilege. The exceptions are those accepted in daily business and social activities.

Railway Letters are one unusual exception to this regulation. These are letters under three ounces in weight which in addition to the normal postal rate bear an additional fee of 5 pence which is payable in cash to the railway employee. Eight railway companies are permitted to accept and convey letters. This applies to their railway bus routes also.

However no collection of letters of any kind can be made for the purpose of conveyance or delivery. That is why railway letters have to be handled by the sender, or his special messenger, to the employee of the railway.

The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs has his office at the G.P.O. in Dublin which is the

capital city. Most of the headquarters offices are also quartered there. The Controller of the Dublin Postal District is located at the College Green Office. There are 108 offices in the Dublin District.

All post offices not in the Dublin Postal District come under the heading of the provincial offices. Among these are 69 Head Offices. These perform all the major functions required of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. In addition to acceptance and delivery of letters and packages they also operate a Telegraph Office, a Telephone Call Office, a Savings Bank Office, and other commercial services. In descending order of importance from the Head Office, we

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In order to bring together the collector and specialist in Irish philately, the Eire Philatelic Assn. was organized September 15, 1950. The society was made possible through the efforts of its founders—Neil Stack of New York City, William P. Hickey of Providence, R. I., and the late Frank McCormick, well known Irish dealer-collector of Dublin. The Association is an independent, non-profit organization devoted to specialization in Irish stamps and postal history.

Many of the specialist members contribute articles to *The Revealer*, the society's publication. Misinformation in early philatelic articles has been corrected by these specialists who pass this knowledge on to E.P.A. members.

Until the advent of E.P.A. each collector of Ireland was "on his own." Little information was available to him. The information he did obtain was open to question as many early philatelic writings were based on insufficient information. Since these writings, many new facts have come to light. Only the specialist who knows his specialty is aware of these changes.

It is the specialist too, who knows the current market and can analyze the trends which will affect the future value of his specialty. All of this information is passed on to the members of Eire Philatelic Association—a wealth of information which could not be assembled elsewhere.

The Association publishes for its members, a bi-monthly publication called "The Revealer". This timely journal gives the members club news, a cultural background of Ireland, and well-balanced philatelic articles. We feel that the collector should know the background of the country he is specializing in and the reasons for its postal emissions. Also, he will be given an insight to the Irish people and their economy and the basis on which Ireland's philately is laid.

Past issues of *The Revealer* have given valuable information relative to Irish Postal History, varieties of the overprints and articles on Irish commemoratives.

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My Twenty-Five Years Of Collecting Irish

Thomas E. Field

It is about a quarter of century ago, when I had "married and settled down" that the usual boyhood interest in stamps revived. It had been originated, in very early boyhood, by a private governess, the daughter of the Vicar of Armitage Bridge near Huddersfield (Madden by name) who was one of the leading collectors in the area, and a founder just 50 years ago, of the Huddersfield Society. Miss Madden herself, as I remember, was a collector of considerable knowledge.

During later boyhood and adolescence, interest ebbed, and flowed, as it usually does in those years; but was re-aroused by an exhibition (open to the public) staged by the Huddersfield P. S. at an opportune moment.

The choice of Ireland was completely fortuitous. I can boast no trace of Irish descent, and had at that time not visited Ireland more than twice—on business errands. It all happened like this.

Someone gave me the name of Robson Lowe whom at that time, had not been established very long. From my inquiries he presumably sensed that although I was in earnest, I had neither any experience to speak of, nor any very fixed plan.

In May 1930 H. R. Harmer of London had sold by auction the Agnew collection of Irish Free State, recognized at the time as one of the best collections of the overprints, at any rate on this side of the Atlantic. The individual rarities had of course been lotted and sold individually, and widely dispersed; but Robson Lowe had bought the so called "remainders" in six or eight volumes, containing material not regarded as worthy of separate lotting, plus a limited number of the smaller individual lots.

He suggested that this collection would be a suitable basis on which to build. I decided in favor, and have been building ever since!

As already suggested, the collection consisted mainly of the 1922 Overprints. There was at least a representation of the definitives, particularly the Angel and Valdivia Essays by Dollard. But Mr. Agnew must have lost interest at about the time of the appearance of the permanent designs—and if the Government Overprints of 1925/27 on the three "Sea Horses" values of Great Britain were represented at all—and I am not now quite sure about that—their representation was in no way comparable with that of the 1922 Overprints.

But Mr. Agnew had allowed himself to stray outside the field of

"Irish Free State" in its strictest sense, by including as "supporting material" a few examples of the stamps of Great Britain used in Ireland before 1922.

This seemed an interesting sideline, and I added a few more. Then, when the great increase of interest in postal history developed and the Postal History Society was founded in 1936 (I joined it in 1937) the decision to limit my postal history field to Ireland, was a very natural one.

At the outset I regarded both "Great Britain used in Ireland" and "Irish Postal History"—as Mr. Agnew had done with the former—as no more than interesting sidelines in support of the collection of Irish Free State proper; and it did not seem in any way undesirable to follow his example by mounting and writing up those items which came my way, on pages with the heading "Irish Free State".

By the time I realized the immense possibilities of the two supporting themes, this mistaken idea had been carried too far to be altered, and to this day my whole Irish collection is designated "Irish Free State". That is obviously inaccurate for anything before 1922, and equally so since Ireland became an independent republic in 1949; and whenever I give a display to a society which invites me to do so, I have to preface my remarks with an apologetic explanation of the circumstances (except when the display is limited to issues which can properly be described as I.F.S.).

Having recently accepted an invitation from the Irish Philatelic Society to give a display in Dublin in September next, I am wondering whether I might have a "rough passage" on this account. Perhaps it would be even rougher in Belfast, if I were to show something of Northern Irish origin, mounted on an album page headed Irish Free State!

Each of the three parts into which this collection falls, has almost endless scope, and it is only possible to touch very briefly on each.

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Although, naturally, Postal History continues to be made as the years go by, many of us tend to think of this specialty in terms of

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old handstruck marks of the days before the introduction of the postage stamp in 1840. These alone present an enormous field for study, and interest in any particular mark is always maintained by the possibility of coming across an example used earlier or later than anything previously seen.

For example, my earliest strike of the well known Dublin Mermaid (Type 507 in Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia) is dated 16 March 1808. The other day I heard that a friend in Dublin has an example dated 9 January 1808, which he suggests might well be a "First Day Cover".

Much patience is sometimes necessary in waiting to acquire any representation at all of some of the rarer marks. I had to wait nearly 25 years to become the owner of the Dockwra type Penny Post Paid which is illustrated as type 561 by Robson Lowe.

Of all the sections into which it is customary to sub-divide the handstruck marks perhaps the Ship Letter Stamps are the most fascinating. Masters of vessels were instructed (under penalty for evasion) to hand over their letters to the post office official at the first port of call, and it is therefore not surprising that many of the letters which were handed over in this manner at Irish ports, originated in North America.

Great Britain Used in Ireland

Many postal historians study the cancellations from 1840 onwards, according to type, and regard the adhesive stamps on which they appear as of secondary importance. I have adopted the alternative plan of classification to follow Gibbons, showing each stamp used at as many Irish dispatch points as possible. This does rather "mix up" the cancellations. For example the 1d red imperforate of 1841 can be shown, used in Dublin, with various types of Maltese Cross, and the later numerical cancellation 186, of 1844.

Here, too, there is obviously no such thing as completion, as there is always the possibility of finding any stamp over the whole period from 1840 to 1922, used at some Irish town not previously seen. The original list of numbers given to Offices in Ireland (1844) went up to 450, and with the additions

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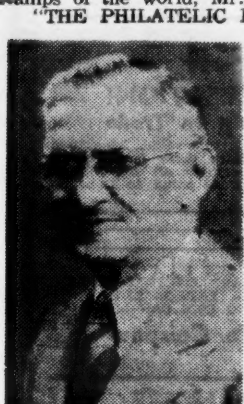
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A License For Stamp Dealers

In the latest issue of *Philatelic Trends*, a house organ published on occasion by George Herzog, well known dealer in used Air Mail stamps of the world, Mr. Herzog prints the following:



GEORGE W. LINN

"THE PHILATELIC EXPORTER, an English philatelic publication (and a good one) in its May, 1955 edition, had the following article: 'At the March meeting of the Australian Stamp Dealers Association, it was decided to ask the authorities to introduce a scheme whereby ALL stamp dealer in Australia would have to hold a license, similar to that issued in New Zealand. Object of the A.S.D.A.'s request is to inspire confidence among overseas dealers in opening transactions with Australian firms.' Years ago, I brought this very same subject before the American Philatelists. I was almost 'lynched.' I still can hear the howl that went up. I still remember a public rebuke by a very prominent philatelic editor, and others. BUT I AM STILL FOR IT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT COME TO PASS RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S. — WHY? — If dealers knew, that any unethical or dishonest act of theirs would terminate their license, which would then in turn put them out of the stamp business, there would be no more cornering, instigation (where only perforated exists), the wrong coloring would stop. It would eliminate the imposition on philatelists of those gaudy labels which have no philatelic value. It would positively eliminate many other philatelic abuses and detrimental practices that exist today. I would promote and safeguard credits both here and abroad. The sale of stolen property would be eliminated thus reducing the thievery that is so prevalent now. It would create confidence among every collector and dealer. Will it come to pass? I doubt it very much. I would very much like to have letters from collectors and dealers on this subject, irrespective of which side of the question they take."

We fully agree with the wishes of Mr. Herzog. We too will take the chance of being scolded or condemned by that group of stamp dealers who would object to anything that would help eliminate questionable business in the stamp world.

Like Mr. Herzog however, we seriously doubt if this will ever be done, but it is one simple way of eliminating the sale of labels as well as any and all other questionable material. There is nothing that could do so much good for the stamp trade as a whole and for the collector as could a move of this nature.

To license stamp dealers would require Government action. We believe that dealers in securities are licensed in some manner. That is as it should be. Are not stamp dealers, dealers in securities, especially where they sell unused stamps which are an obligation of the governments of the world, and in a lesser manner with used stamps which were obligations of governments of the world and should not be permitted to be counterfeited and traded in because they have been canceled. Likewise any spurious or imitation security purported to come from a world government should not be permitted in the market.

Only the United States Government could provide for such licensing and if our government could be persuaded to recognize the fact that dealing in unused postage stamps of the world is in effect dealing in securities of the governments of the world, then perhaps something could be accomplished.

A license of this nature need not cost over \$25.00 and anyone who wants to pose as a stamp dealer should be able to pay such a fee without trouble. The point however is not the cost of the fee, but the penalty that is imposed in the license. It would do more to clean up the unethical practices prevalent in the hobby than any Stamp Dealers Association will even think of doing.

As proof of this my review of a new book that has just been put into the market will show you what might have been the result had a license system been in effect in the stamp trade back in the early days.

Album Weeds

Perhaps no other book on stamps has ever been as popular as the Reverend R. B. Earee work titled *Album Weeds*. Every dealer of any consequence perhaps has a copy or wants one. It is their guide to the fakes and forgeries of the early days of stamp collecting.

Back in those days it was common practice to sell faked and forged stamps. They were offered as such and also as frequently offered as genuine stamps. This work has stood as a monument ever since its publication.

To the wealthy collector it is a boon for it is almost wholly concerned with the early rarities. The collector of moderate means today has little need for the work for the very simple reason that few collectors of moderate means ever buy the class of stamps that are in this work. The best guard the collector of modest means can have is price. If any of the early classics or the many better as identified in *Album Weeds* are ever offered you at a low price, then beware. Fine old stamps have a value and any at ridiculously low prices should warn you at once.

What is needed for the modern collector is a new *Album Weeds* of stamps issued since the Earee work. Such a book would be a far bigger undertaking than the original for it would have to list so many more stamps. These stamps are usually known to the better dealers, but the country is filled with small dealers who do not know a lithographed from a typographed stamp or even in some cases from an engraved stamp. A license for dealers would elevate the profession into a very high class line of business.

We are getting away from what we started out to say. About *Album Weeds*. This set of books has always commanded a high price but now there is being published in Australia a new edition that will come in a series of eight editions, one each quarter year for two years. The price of these books is \$2.25 each, total cost \$18 spread over a period of two years.

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SMILEATELICS... Bob Rieker



"Who was the sport who bid three jelly beans?"

Thom-Harrison Overprint Check

By Perry Adams

Although of relatively low catalog value — too low, in fact — nothing in the Irish section is more elusive than Scott Nos. 59/62 (Gibbons 67/70), the last Harrison overprint for coils before the definitive issue came into general use. In calling this group of four "elusive," both as to availability and identification, disregard for the moment its blood brothers Nos. 59a/62a which, if even harder to get, cannot be confused with anything else, because of that long, unmistakable "1" in 1922.



The left stamp of the pair (Harrison overprint) has the long "1" of 1922. It extends beneath the level of the other three numbers.

With 59/62 (Gibbons 67/70), however, the story is more complex, since one vital factor seems to be almost unknown to many collectors. Certainly a reliance upon the difference in overprint ink between these Harrisons and the corresponding Thomson values, Nos. 44/47. (Gibbons 52/55), is apt to be a very shaky guide.

It is true that the Thomson-Harrison stamps were overprinted in blue black, while the first Harrison overprintings of Nos. 59/62 (Gibbons 67/70) were in black; but soon the Harrisons appeared in blue black as well. Nor is reliance upon the nibbed perfs of the Harrisons a safe distinction, as frequently they do not exist.

Then, what about the typical catalog distinctions, that these Harrisons have the middle "e" of Eireann raised, while the "1" of 1922 has a rounded foot? At first glance, such things would appear ample to distinguish Harrisons from Thomsons. Unfortunately, such is not the case.



Stamp on the left has the December 1922 overprint by Thomson on which the top of the "9" (of 1922) has an oval shape. The Harrison one on the left has the top of the "9" rounded.

The catalogs fail to explain that in certain clichés of the Thomson overprintings, appear almost the identical raised e and rounded foot of 1, as in the Harrisons. The upshot is, that all too frequently the Thom

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1956 STAMP PROGRAM

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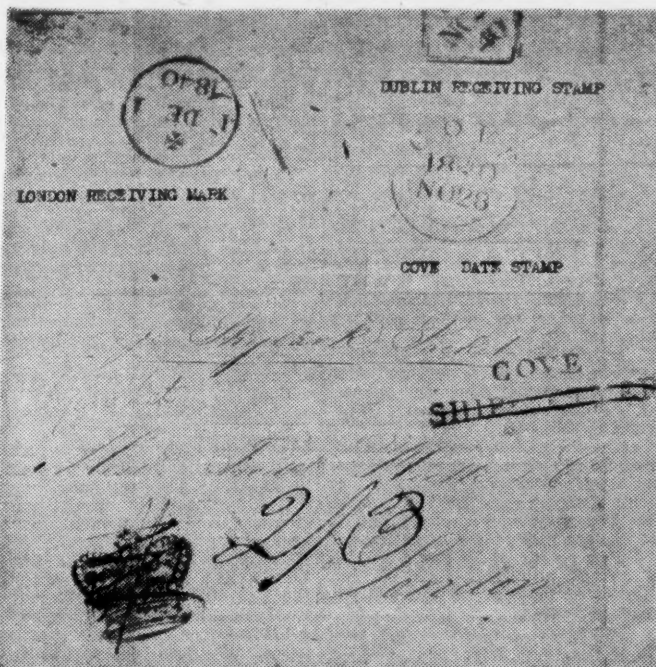
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Irish Ship Letters

Ship Letters!
 The very name itself connotes some of the fascination that is inherent in this, the most interesting facet of postal history. What philatelic romanticist, for indeed that is what all postal historians are, can remain unmoved with the feel of a ship letter in his hand? The date of writing, be it in the scriveners copperplate, the reporting relatives scrawl, or the wealthy "undertakers" hieroglyphics; the postmark of origin, manuscript or handstruck (be there one); the successful handstamp of arrival, or it's counterpart in the arrogant cuneiform characters of the postal clerk's rate calculations; aye, the blending of these facts with the cultivated imagination can transport one over thousands of miles to the commercial outposts of the world, and back through hundreds of years to the days of sail and the infancy of steam.

The duration between posting and receiving is sufficient in itself to awaken the imagination. In the letters themselves we find in faded ink the gamut of the written emotional range. While the conservative commercial letter is predominant among those saved, the purely personal is encountered sufficiently often enough to enable us to conjure a glimpse into life long past.

The frank, and often pathetic, revelations of family struggles are exposed for the alien to read. It seems unfortunate, that then, even as today, the majority of news disseminated among family correspondents was of ill tidings.

But the appeal of ship letters is not alone in their catalytic effect on the imagination, they also present a philatelic challenge. While we know of Irish ship letters from the early days of the farmers of the post, it is not until after the Act of 1711 that we find distinctive markings for ship letters, and these are infrequent until the 1740's.

The information on the treatment of ship letters by the post is quite non-existent until after 1800 and we must depend on the gleanings from the letters and their markings to eke out their postal history. The ambiguities of the early laws attempting to control ship letters in their revenue producing function for the post, enhance their interest to the student.

The earliest recorded Irish ship marking is June 1717, from St. Paul's, South Carolina to London and as mentioned the markings are infrequent until after 1740. It is unusual to find any frequency or variety of ship letter markings until after the turn of the century. Perhaps a few notes on the background of ship letters will serve as explanation for this dearth.

Provision for assessing postage charges on all letters coming in from abroad by merchant ships was incorporated in the legislation set up to permit the farming of the post by contractors who would pay a definite sum for that monopoly. The Ordinance of 1657 and later, after Henry Bishop's appointment as Postmaster General and farmer of the posts by the Act of 1660, letters were to be surrendered to the post at the port of arrival and postage assessed. Many of the ship letters were forwarded to London for the assigning of postage.

There was no pecuniary incentive for the shipmasters to comply with the law and no penalty for their non-conformance. As the inevitable disregard for the interests of the post-farmers by the shipmasters promised to have a deleterious effect on the potential income of the former, they offered them the inducement of one penny per letter, delivered to the postmaster at the port of arrival. This was the origin of the ship letter fee, which was

legalized by the Act of 1711.

This act also directed that a special mark should be made on all incoming letters at the port of arrival. Most of these markings, when made, were in manuscript.

Until 1784 when the Irish Postal System, through decree of the Irish Parliament, established its own postal system, under its own Postmaster General, the Acts regulating the post in England applied also to Ireland. However, even after, many of the Acts pertaining to postal matters in England, received paralleled legislation in Ireland. This continued until after the Irish Postal system was again absorbed by the British in 1831, when the regulations applying to one automatically applied to the other.

The ship Letter Act of 1799 was enacted to prevent the great loss of revenue permitted by the provisions granted in the Act of 1711, which enabled the sending of letters by private vessels where no packet service was available, and further permitted the shipmasters to set their own fees.

As can be imagined the existence of a packet service did not deter the public from sending, or the shipmaster from receiving mail outbound, and in fact it became the recognized practice. It was not until the ratio of incoming and outgoing ship letters reached such a disproportionate figure of some 18 to 1, that the post office authorities could be persuaded to take some action to assure the post receiving the revenue possible from this service.

However the passing of this ship letter act did not have the desired effect. It was only a half-hearted measure and its chief effect was the handling by the post office of letters to go by other than the regular packets. The packet rate was the more expensive because of the safer and speedier service. The rate allowance to the shipmaster was raised to 2d the letter, either delivered to the post office or received from it.

The original aim of the act was not achieved and letters continued to be sent but by private vessel without any recourse to the official post.

Matters continued in this manner until 1814 when another Ship Letter Act was passed which made it compulsory to hand all outbound letters to the post office, and raised the rate from 2d to 6d on all incoming letters.

In 1815 a further Act was passed compelling shipmasters to accept any mail offered to them by the post office for transmission. The post office was required to pay a reasonable sum to the ship owners for this service, in addition to the 2d still tendered the ship master for each letter carried.

In 1840 the rates were set at 1

shilling the half ounce for outgoing letters to the colonies. There were subsequent changes, especially for delivery outside the empire, almost all of them reductions, until 1875 when the UPU set the rate at 2 1/2d. There were other rate changes but they are outside the scope of this article.

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AUSTRIA. Valid for postage on June 8 was a 1.45S green, red and black stamp issued on June 5, to commemorate the 23rd International Congress for Housing and Town Planning which will be held in Vienna.

BURMA. On May 24 four stamps were issued to mark the 2500th anniversary of the Sasana. The values are: 20 pya beige and blue, 40 pya blue and mauve, 60 pya green and gold, and 1K. white and gray.

CUBA. Freemasonry was honored by the issuance on May 30 of two stamps. The 2c regular value shows the Facade of the new Grand Lodge of Cuba Temple in Havana, and the 12c airmail shows an air view of the building.

GUATEMALA. Six designs have been used in a line value set of stamps issued for the Guatemala Red Cross. The stamps are bi-colored and are of the following values: 1c (globe and red cross); 3c (telephone and red cross); 4c (nurse, patient, and red cross); 5c plus 15c (nurse, patient and red cross); 15c plus 50c (telephone and red cross); 25c plus 50c (globe and red cross); 35c plus 1Q (ambulance); 50c plus 1Q (nurse and hospital); 1Q plus 1Q (nurse and red cross).

The three high values are airmail and the other six stamps are regulars.

INDONESIA. 25c, 50c, and 1 Rupee stamps were issued on May 26 to commemorate the Asia-Africa Students Conference held in Bandung.

ROMANIA. During the end of March a twelve value set of animal stamps was issued. The values and animals are: 20 bani green and black, rabbit; 20b olive-yellow and gray, bustard; 35b blue and gray, trout; 50b blue and brown, wild boar; 55b brown and green, bear; 55b dark green and ochre, pheasant; 1 Lei reddish-brown and green, lynx; 1.55L blue and red brown squirrel; 1.75L dark green and brown, grouse; 2L blue and dark brown, black goat; 3.25L green and gray, wild duck; and 4.25L red-brown and brown, deer.

RUSSIA. Thirteen 1 Rouble stamps were issued on April 25 showing pavilions of the various agricultural regions of the U. S. S. R. at the "All-Union Agricultural Exhibition."

Flower Stamp List

Near Completion

Sidney R. Esten, president of the Biological Unit of the American Topical Assn., is heading a committee of collectors working on a new handbook for "Flowers on Stamps."

The preliminary list includes well over 500 stamps, arranged by family, common and Latin names. It should be extremely useful to those who need arrangement and write-up material, and to those who want to check their own findings against that of the botanists and collectors who developed the list.

Purchasers will receive a coupon entitling them to a price reduction on the purchase of the new Flower Stamp Handbook. A stamped, self-addressed envelope will bring further information or these publications and the society from the American Topical Assn. 1, 1602 W. Wells, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Irish Rarities Undercatalogued

Perry Adams

There have probably never been significant quantities of Irish rarities held by any professional in this country. This may have stemmed from the fact that the North American position on Irish has been too uncertain to attract a significant speculative element at wholesale level.

At some moment in the early 1950's—it is impossible to pinpoint the time exactly—a few European buyers awoke to the fact that really high grade Irish overseas accumulations were growing thin. Reflection of such awareness was neither immediate nor particularly dramatic. It came slowly.

However, by the beginning of the 1952-1953 season it appeared safe to assume that the trend was a trend and not a mere flash-in-the-pan condition. By 1954 the effect on supply was strongly felt in America at a specialist level. Scott began to make token advances of the more obvious, major listing items, and continued in their 1955 and 1956 Irish lists.

But even down to this moment, late in the 1956 season, it is noteworthy that Scott has left all but untouched, prices on the minor listing rarities such as the inverted overprint group, the PENCN error and many others.

The heart of the Scott position is, in fact, this. That over the entire period of the Irish advance, dating back before 1950, most of the "small print" Irish rarities have not been raised a penny. If you own a file of back Scott catalogues, it is easy to see how literally true this is, most particularly among the overprinted rarities.

With many of the coils, both overprinted and definitive-experimentals, Scott has advanced catalogue prices in a downright sensational manner. The trouble in this quarter is, that the general catalogue lacks the space to show coils beyond singles, and thus excludes their pricing in pairs and strips—in short, leaves out all mention of them in their universally preferred form.

Again, while there can be little quarrel with Scott's efforts to indicate the huge gains made by the early, SE watermark booklet panes, some of which are marked up 500% or more, the rest of the panes are spotty. Several of the later ones, watermarked E, have been obsolete so long that they should receive realistic re-cataloguing.

Perhaps nowhere in the whole Irish list is the need for more substantial upward revision greater than among the Thom Rialtas high values, numbered by Scott 36, 37, 37a and 38. Even after the token advances shown in 1956, how undercatalogued this group remains is indicated by the fact that professionals have bought up almost all such offered at U. S. retail auction during the past two seasons, for resale abroad. In other words, foreign professionals are outbidding American collectors. Think this over.

This writer proffers a bit of urgent advice. Start now to line up the items you need to round out your Irish collection. The prices for those found will almost surely be higher than you hoped to pay—never forgetting the occasional find which sometimes appears.

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EXPERIMENTAL WORK

We understand that there is some experimental work going on at the Bureau on a new method of precancelling stamps. From the odd size of the sheet mentioned it might seem that the experiment has to do with coil stamps. Any way something new seems to be in the air. The experiment was carried out on the 3c denomination.

MOUNTING

Edward Breck of New York City points out that in the case of the horizontal 1 1/2c stamps that there is no law against mounting them on end with the cancellation reading normal. This can be done whether the cancellation reads up or down. The old timers though like to mount the stamp in its normal position and leave the cancellation read as it may.

In the 1922-38 series this could be done as there were six stamps that were ordinarily precancelled and these could be arranged in different ways to make an attractive page. I suspect the precancel collector of today will work out something satisfactory with this issue when it is finally completed.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Keystone bulletin of the Western Pennsylvania club in with a 2c Liberty from what looks like PENNDEL. The Pennsylvania count this month is 932 towns and 1664 Types.

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A Few Basic Notes About The 1 Penny Coil Stamp Of The Definitive Series

Stamp vending machines were in use in Ireland prior to the formation of the Provisional Government in 1922, utilizing the coils (or rolls), of the contemporary British issues. The Harrison overprintings which appeared only as coils sufficed until 1925 when the first 1 penny coil of the map type appeared. This was of the hand-joined, or paste-up variety, made from regular sheets printed by the Stamping Department of the Government Printing Works, Dublin Castle.

The coils were made up from joined counter sheets, using about one-quarter inch of the gutter margin at the top of the stamp (for vertical coils) in each sheet and joining this to the gummed side of the bottom stamp of the preceding sheet to form the continuous web. These are then cut into strips and rolled.

Fifty strips of ten stamps each made up this vertical coil which was joined, again by the gutter selvedge, to the starting tab, which was a strip of red coated paper bearing the information "500 1d Stamps, Deliver Top End First, Price £12 2 0", in three lines.

From the fact that the vertically trimmed edge of the joined stamps are always in perfect alignment with the trimmed edges of its mate it appears that the joining preceded the cutting. Trimmed vertical edges are the characteristics of these coils, and, other than joins or joins-to-starting-tape, are the only identifying characteristics. This, the first coil of the 1d map, was in use exclusively until 1933.

In April 1933 the 1d appeared in the "endless" coil. This was an experimental issue from special plates on a special press in an attempt by the officials of the Stamping Department to find a less expensive method of making up the coil rolls and to try out a new type of vending machine.

It is not certain who printed this issue, but it is believed to have been done at Dublin Castle. Waterlow & Sons, in England had been producing endless coils for the British since 1924, specially printed on reel printing presses, but without the characteristic single side perforation of issue.



Experimental coil with single side perf at left. Experimental coil without side perf, at right.

Thomas De La Rue & Co. of Sussex, England had been printing endless coils for the Union of South Africa on the same type of press, but with a lateral perforation on one side. Either of these firms could have done the work. It is known that the printing was done

Date	Variety	Quantity	Scott's#	Gibbons#
April 1933	perf 15 x lateral perf	28,800	87a	72a
July 1934	perf 15 x imperf	(not known)	87	72b
1940	perf 13 1/2 x "	48,000 approx.	105	112a
August 1946	perf 15 x "	(not known)	105	112b
1925	S E Watermark hand join	" "	66	72
1940	E Watermark hand join	" "	107	112

The Controls On Overprint Issues

Perry Adams

To the seasoned specialist in Irish stamps, and to many collectors who habitually use the Gibbons catalog, "Controls" are an old story. To a large number of collectors here, who have perhaps used the Scott catalog almost exclusively, the term "Controls" may be practically meaningless. Because listings are so numerous, this article will omit repeating the lists.

What are Controls? In Great Britain, largely for bookkeeping purposes in postal accounting, letters, figures and other key marks have been included, either as an integral part of stamp design, or upon some portion of the margins which surround the finished sheet. The latter was the case with the stamp upon which the provisional issues of Ireland were overprinted.

On all values through the 1/-, with each sheet of 240 subjects one Control (a letter combined with two figures) appears with each sheet of 240 subjects (twenty rows down by twelve across). The Control is found on

on a press supplied by the firm of Grover & Co., London.

The issue consisted of 30 rolls of 960 stamps each or a total of 28,800 stamps. The starting tape was printed with the word "Experimental" in addition to the routine data. The identifying feature of this issue, is the single side perforation at each side on the top of the stamp just below the horizontal perforations. In addition the depth of printing is shallower (as on all the endless coils), and frequently appears streaked, due no doubt to the reeling being done before the ink was dry.

The additional perforation was to serve as a guide hole in centering the stamp in the machine to obviate the delivery by the machines of "decapitated" stamps. The trial, from the vending machine delivery viewpoint, was not considered successful, and the idea for a specially perforated coil was abandoned. The use of the continuous printing press however was considered a success.

In 1934, sometime in July, a second experimental printing of the endless coil was released in several key cities. This differed principally from the 1933 endless, in that there were no side perforations. The secondary characteristics, are the printing is much sharper than the 1933 issue and the highlights are easily discernible from the reverse of the stamp; the gum is much glossier, and has a tendency to curl the stamp ("coil the coil"), whereas the 1933 has gum that is quite dull, is but frugally applied, and subsequently does not cause the coil to curl.

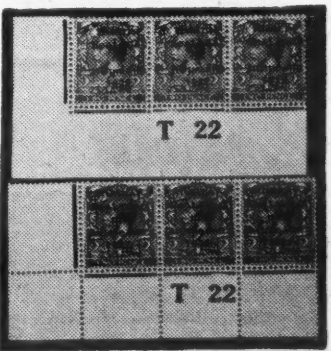
The various figures given as to the quantity printed of this issue averages about 900,000 stamps. The Government Stamping Department continued the production of the hand joined coils during the period of, and subsequent to, the 1933-34 experimental printings.

Another limited experimental issue was run off in 1940. This time the experiment was in perforation. Whereas the previous 1 penny experimental coils were perforated 15 horizontally, this coil was perforated 13 1/2. The watermark was different also, the paper used bearing the multiple "E". Later it was reissued (1946) perforated 15.

In the interim years of 1940-46 the old method of hand joining the sheets was used to make up the required 1d coils. However since the counter sheets used were of the new multiple "E" watermark, we have an additional variety.

A tabulated listing will show us that we have four major coil printings, and two additional varieties of coil manufacture, worthy of collecting.

the margin beneath the second stamp of the bottom row on every value except the one penny, where it is placed under the 11th stamp of the bottom row. Neither the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- overprints, nor the definitive issues, have Controls.



At top, "Margins Imperf", the perfs stop at the stamp and do not enter the selvedge. Bottom a strip of three "Margins Perf" where the perfs go right through the selvedge.

There is an important difference in the way sheet margins are perforated. In some, perfs continue on past stamps through the

tabs to the edge of the sheet, called "Margin Perf". Where perfs terminate as outlines of the stamps only, without continuing on to the blank edge, the sheet is said to be "Margin Imperf". As the listings will reveal, about 80% of the overprinted sheets come both ways for each Control.

Prices in the Gibbons catalog are for mint singles with Controls attached. We strongly advise you to avoid buying such Control singles. Despite fancy asking prices, singles with Control command little if any premium over the value of the same stamp without Control. The collector's aim should be at blocks of six or strips of three, Controls attached to the middle stamp.

There is a perfectly definite reason for collecting Controls in this way. Such blocks or strips obviously reveal marginal condition - whether imperf or perf - whereas singles, Margin Imperf, have to be awkwardly "wide-cut" by hand to provide evidence that marginal perfs have not been deliberately cut away to simulate Margin Imperf.

This being so, manifestly you want your Margin Perf varieties to be uniform with the others - hence blocks or strips for all.



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Augustine had not need to read further, in this one quotation he had seen the error of his ways! With this scene was born one of the greatest saints of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Augustine of Hippo.

But what of the early life of Augustine? He was born of a Christian mother, Monica, and a pagan father, Patricius, in Tagaste, Numidia, now Tunisia, on November 13, 354. His early life was one of violent passions and brilliant talents.

He had received a Christian education, though he wasn't baptized. At the age of 17 he went to Carthage to complete his studies. While attending school at this center of learning he embraced Manichaeism and became an ardent disciple for nine years.

Upon completing his education Augustine went to Rome where he planned to begin a school of his own. A year later he was appointed professor of rhetoric to the court of Milan by the prefect of Rome.

During his stay in Milan he met the Bishop of the city, St. Ambrose. It was through his sermons that Augustine began to see the errors of Manichaeism and the good of Christianity. While recalling his reckless early life he went to his garden and tormented his mind as to which was the true religion. While sitting under the fig tree he heard the child's voice, "Take and read."

On Easter Saturday in 387, Augustine went, with his mother who had journeyed to Milan to visit him, to the basilica of Milan where he was baptized by St. Ambrose. The following year Augustine and his small band journeyed to Ostia to depart for his home in Africa.

The long journey of over 350 miles was too much for his elderly mother. She had prayed all her life for the conversion of her son, and now that her prayers had been answered, she joined her Maker.

In 391, Augustine was ordained to the priesthood. Four years later he was consecrated bishop and in 396, appointed Bishop of Hippo.

Augustine was a powerful preacher and prolific writer. His nine years as a disciple of Manichaeism stood him well in refuting the doctrine of this heretical belief. He also engaged in long and bitter controversies defending the doctrines of the Church against the Donatists and Pelagianism.

In the course of these debates

he wrote of sin, divine grace, divine sovereignty, and predestination which have since held an important place in the Catholic Church. Probably his most famous and often read work was the Confessions. This was the story of his life written in 397.

One of his greatest works was "City of God", which was contained in twenty-two volumes. Ten of these books were devoted to refuting paganism and all it stands for. The other twelve volumes trace the origin, progress, and destiny of two cities, one of God and other of man, with the final triumph of the City of God which is the Church.

These were not the only writings of Augustine. His works fill a surprising number of library shelves. Editors have accepted much greater number that bear his name. The studies of the remarkable life of this personality and his doctrines is practically endless.

So remarkable and thorough were his works that one thousand four hundred years later the future Cardinal Newman was brought into the Catholic Church through the writings of Augustine. He was not only the center of ecclesiastical life but his teachings dominated the entire Middle Ages and even today, theology.

The inexhaustable talents of this famous saint were not limited to preaching and writing. He introduced community life in his Episcopal See that is followed even today by many religious orders, the most prominent being the Augustines and the Dominicans. On August 28, 430, Augustine departed from this world to a new life in heaven. In 1295, Pope Boniface VIII declared him a Doctor of the Church. The date of his death was proclaimed his feast day and is so celebrated throughout the universal Church.

Vatican City has maintained a practice of honoring great saints on the anniversary of their death. This precedent was broken however when a set of two commemoratives was placed on sale on November 13, 1954 to mark the 16th centenary of the birth of St. Augustine of Hippo. The design was executed by the noted Vatican designer, Edmondo Pizzi. Mr. Pizzi obtained his inspiration from a painting by Botticelli, "St. Augustine in Meditation" in the Church of San

Salvatore d'Ognissanti (All Saints) in Florence, Italy.

Mr. Pizzi added an open book to the original with the wording, "Tolle Lege", (take and read) as well as the necessary wording and country identification.

New Official Series
From East Germany

Further word on the 1956 Deutsche Demokratische Republic (East German) stamp program has been received.

The East Germans have replaced their 1954-5 official series. The series exists in an offset and a letterpress printing. Originally 13 offset values were issued on August 15, 1954. These were followed by an additional four offset values on October 1 of that same year.

In addition, the first value (12 pfennigs) of the letterpress series was issued on that same day.

Nine additional letterpress adhesives were released in 1955. A 20 pfennigs letterpress value was released sometime during the last few months to complete the 1954-5 official series.

According to the fifth edition of the Mueller German Catalog, the official stamps were to be used by "national organs and nationalized industries" and later by "parties, democratic mass organizations and associations."

Included in the new official series advises Roger V. Szymanski of Milwaukee, Wis are 5, 10, 20, 40 and 60 pfennig values. All values are in shades of blue and are similar to the 1947-53 Netherlands postage due series (Scott's design #D5).

The adhesives are inscribed "Deutsche Demokratische Republic" and "Dienstpost." According to some European circles, the stamps are to be used only on registered mail. It is difficult, however, to see why a special series of stamps for official registered mail is necessary.

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1951 - WHAT DID IT COST? PART V

So far as the output of commemorative stamps is concerned, 1951 was one of the shortest in recent years. In all there was a grand total of six. The first issue had four plate numbers, and the next five stamps had six each. Here are the six of 1951:

SC#998 - CONFEDERATE VETERANS - 3c Gray

24366 24367 24368 24369

SC#999 - NEVADA - 3c Sage Green

24414 24415 24416 24417

24418 24419 24420 24421

SC#1000 - DETROIT - 3c Blue

24436 24437 24438 24439

24440 24441

SC#1001 - COLORADO - 3c Blue

24446 24447 24448 24449

24450 24451

SC#1002 - AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY - 3c Maroon

24463 24464 24465 24466

24473 24474

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Year	Issues	Pl. Nos.	Pos.	Pl. Blk. Face	Pl. Blk. Value	Pl. Sngl. Face	Pl. Sngl. Value
1951	6	34	136	\$16.32	\$34.00	\$4.08	\$20.40
1952	13	88	352	42.24	88.00	10.56	52.80
1953	13	72	288	38.72	82.00	9.68	47.20
1954	5	19	76	9.12	19.00	2.28	11.40
1955	9	36	144	20.48	48.00	5.12	31.20
Total:	46	249	996	\$126.88	\$271.00	\$31.72	\$163.00
Average yearly total:				25.38	54.25	6.35	32.60

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST

	Pl. Blk. Face	Pl. Blk. Value	Pl. Sngl. Face	Pl. Sngl. Value
1951 Weekly:	\$.31	\$.66	\$.08	\$.39
1952 Weekly:	.81	1.69	.20	1.01
1953 Weekly:	.75	1.58	.19	.91
1954 Weekly:	.18	.37	.05	.22
1955 Weekly:	.39	.92	.10	.60
5 Year Weekly Average:	.49	1.05	.13	.63

AVERAGE MONTHLY COST

	Pl. Blk. Face	Pl. Blk. Value	Pl. Sngl. Face	Pl. Sngl. Value
1951 Monthly:	\$ 1.36	\$ 2.83	\$.34	\$ 1.70
1952 Monthly:	3.52	7.33	.88	4.40
1953 Monthly:	3.22	6.83	.81	3.93
1954 Monthly:	.76	1.58	.19	.95
1955 Monthly:	1.71	4.00	.42	2.60
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From the standpoint of plate blocks and good centering, there was one outstanding plate number, in the upper right position, which was very seldom seen decently centered. That was #24446 of the Colorado issue.

The plate block collector who places great emphasis on centering will feel pleased if he will find, in his collection, this particular one nicely centered. To this day few nice copies can be observed. It does not follow that many better ones will ever show up hereafter.

With the completion of this year of 1951, we have, to date, a period of five years, from which we can get a new picture of what it would cost, roughly, to maintain a plate block or plate single collection. A better average can be obtained over a longer period than over any one single period of a year. Today we will give you the totals for a five year period, as well as the yearly, monthly and weekly averages for the last five years.

It would be an interesting observation to study the various averages for the five year period in each category and listing of the tables below, both on a monthly as well as on a weekly basis. These will be discussed in a later article.

rows depicted the angel appearing to the shepherds. This was multi-colored with blue predominating.



The 1955 designs.

At the bottom of each seal appeared the wording "T.B. Rehabilitation, Ireland, 1954".

Designs for the 1954 seals were done by Rex McDonald, a commercial artist, and were printed by Mercury Press, Ltd., in Dublin.

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Rex McDonald again designed the 1955 seals and they were printed by the Mercury Press, Ltd., in the amount of 3,000,000 seals. Receptance was much more favorable and 1,000,000 were sold.

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Before resuming our BERMUDA story, there are quite a few important new issue announcements. As previously mentioned here, the complete QEII set of Swaziland (12 values) will be forthcoming on July 2 while that of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands (also consisting of 12 values) will make its debut on August 1. On the following day, Jamaica will add three new denominations: 2d, 2½d and 3/-.

In the place of the Leeward Islands 2½c value which is being withdrawn and invalidated as of July 1, the four Leeward Islands Dependencies will release ½c denominations of their own. Three of these four dependencies will have theirs ready by July 3, certainly a rush-job if there ever was one.

The fourth, the ½c Virgin Island, should be along shortly and will eventually form part of that dependency's QEII set. Here are the details of the three ½c values about to be released:

Antigua, Fort James, as the present 6c, in brown
Montserrat, Map as the present 3c, in violet

St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla, Salt Pond, Anguilla, as the present \$1.20, in olive green

The Virgin Island's design will be that of the island of Tortola, as the present 12c, in black and purple and with change of the royal portrait and cipher. In addition, two further St. Christopher values are now at the printers, no release date announced. The borders of both designs will be in the same style as the present values and the vignettes will feature the following subjects: 8c, Sombrero Lighthouse, grey, also shown on the present Virgin Island 1c value (did somebody move the lighthouse?) and \$2.40, black and orange, Map of Anguilla.

For the first time in philatelic history, Gibraltar will have postage dues. Three denominations of the same design as those of Barbados are now on the presses of De La Rue & Co; 1d green, 2d sepia and 4d blue.

The sales of the Johore Diamond Jubilee stamp were substantial, with slightly over 2 million copies sold, all but about 75,000 which the London Crown Agents turned over, sold in the colony and presumably used on mail.

The Seychelles 1937 Coronations, the Peace & Victory issue, the Silver Wedding pair and the UPU set are being invalidated on October 1. The same fate will befall the Straits Settlement issues overprinted "B.M.A. MALAYA" on January 11, 1957.

Desolate and usually uninhabited Gough Island of the Tristan da Cunha group now has a post office of its own, but we hasten to add that this does not imply that special Gough Island stamps are in the offing. A South African expedition now on the island in connection with the International Geophysical Year observances is leaving one man behind for a period of about one year. Mr. Van der Merwe will be the modern Robinson Crusoe and will be Administrator, sole subject and postmaster all rolled in one.

Bermuda's current 8d and 1/3 values have been overprinted "50th Anniversary US-Bermuda Ocean Race 1956" and will be in dealers' windows by the time you read this. The overprinting has been carried out in Bermuda and the stamps will be on local sale only, with none allocated to the London office of the Crown Agents. This inexpensive set is both a Sports and an Americana item and should prove one of the best sellers of 1956. So better get yours without delay.

Speaking of Bermuda, there is an air of cleanliness and prosperity throughout the island. Practically every building appears to have been freshly painted, there are no slums, no beggars and no one walks barefoot.

Especially during the tourist sea-

son, lasting from April to November, the place is crawling with dreamy-eyed honeymooners, holding hands and obviously lost to the world. The visitors are almost exclusively American, with a sprinkling of Canadians. U.S. and Canadian dollars are accepted everywhere and many hotels, restaurants and shops quote dollar and sterling prices side by side.

The Bermudians have become extremely adept at translating one currency into the other without resorting to pencil and paper. Every type of luxury merchandise is readily available. Anyone thirsting for a \$175 cashmere sports jacket can pick one up in any of Hamilton's half dozen top stores.

Visitors are surprised by the absence of a British accent in Bermuda. The Bermudians of English descent sound like Yankees. The European-descended part of the population accounts for about 10,000 with a large portion of Portuguese who even have their own radio programs. This is very surprising in view of the fact that Portugal never had any colonies in this part of the world.

The explanation is that the Bermuda authorities offered free passage to Portuguese farmers and gardeners following World War I in an effort to raise the level of agriculture on the island. Much of the fruit and vegetables consumed in Bermuda is raised by these Portuguese and their Bermuda-born children.

In addition to the tourist business, Bermuda also derives considerable revenue from the U.S. bases on the island, Kindley Air Force Base on the eastern end and the U.S. Naval Base near the western. These bases provide employment for hundreds of Bermudians and the servicemen and their families provide quite a boost to the island economy in other ways.

Bermuda also derives a very large income from import duties as all manufactured items and a great deal of food has to be brought in from the outside. There is no income tax and very limited corporation taxes which have led many large companies, principally in the insurance and oil fields to transfer their headquarters to Bermuda.

However, the tourist trade overshadows all others to the extent that the Bermuda government subsidizes the Furness Line to the tune of almost \$100,000 per year to bring visitors on their two large Bermuda cruise ships!

Two other occupations keep a considerable part of the population busy. One is taxi-driving, the other calypso music. There are more than 500 small taxis on the excellently maintained Bermuda roads and a hardworking cabbie can recoup his investment in a matter of a few months.

The speed limit is 20 m.p.h. in the country and 15 m.p.h. in the two cities of Hamilton and St. George. The newspapers frequently report the capture of violators caught in the act of speeding at 25 m.p.h. which is just about the speed to which New York City buses slow down to let off passengers. Fines are severe, although they do not include "strokes with the cane" which are dealt out for other offenses to this day.

The traffic in Bermuda, which did not permit any motor vehicles at all until World War II, is enormous. Besides the taxis and numerous private cars and small trucks, there are literally thousands of motor-bikes in operation. These handy two-wheelers have taken Bermuda by storm and are ridden by natives and visitors alike with complete abandon. It is quite a sight to see grandmotherly-looking old ladies weaving in and out of the traffic.

Although the calypso originated in far-away Trinidad, it is nowhere sung with more enthusiasm or skill than in Bermuda. Most visitors soon fall under the spell of the calypso beat. These songs are actually ballads which tell stories on every conceivable subject from love to politics to cricket. One of the most popular ditties is entitled "I've got you under my skin—that's what makes me so lumpy".

An evening's entertainment is one of Bermuda's few real buys. For \$5 per couple or less, it is possible to guzzle, dance and watch a

good floor-show at any of the somehow top luxury hotels.

Of course, Bermuda also has a few drawbacks which are never mentioned in the travel folders. There is a jelly-fish known as the "Portuguese Man-of-War" with tentacles up to 20 feet long which can give the unsuspecting swimmer a painful sting. The strong sun causes sunburn and rashes on many paleface visitors. The prolific insect population tends to enervate some of the more squeamish lady tourists.

Finally, there are frequent periods of drought and most of Bermuda's hotels do not provide fresh water except for drinking. By law, all private homes must be built in the characteristic Bermuda style with a huge water tank in place of the cellar. The roofs consist of small steps and are annually whitewashed with lime which purifies the rain water before it reaches the tank. The U.S. installations bring in their own fresh water supplies in tankers!

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Passengers from Dublin were forced to leave the train at Mallow Junction and hire a private conveyance at the flat rate of 2 shillings per head and proceed to Mallow Junction South, a temporary station erected south of the destroyed bridge, before continuing their trip to Cork.

After the withdrawal of the British troops, in accordance with the treaty, only the Free State troops were left to maintain law and order in Cork. It seems that they succeeded and only the Irish Republican Army held competent authority during the summer months of 1922.

In July of that year, stamps in the South ran low and finally gave out completely after they were rationed. It must be remembered that Cork was cut off from Dublin in the struggle between the I.R.A. and Free State armies, and further supplies could not be easily obtained.

To alleviate this situation, the Eagle Printing Works, in Cork, requested to produce a stamp bearing the head of I.R.A. leader, Pearse. However, technical difficulties rendered this printing impossible.



In order to supply stamps in the emergency, the Eagle Works was asked to make a different printing in the values of 1d, 2d and 6d. They bore the wording "An Post, Poblacht na h'Eireann (Post-Republic of Ireland)."

Arrangements were made in early August, with the Eagle Co. to deliver its consignment to the Union Quay Barracks in Cork, a few days prior to the Free State troop landing at Passage, in Cork Harbor.

While the Free State troops were fighting their way to Cork, the main body of the I.R.A. was defending distant points and only a small contingent remained to defend the City of Cork. Instead of making a stand against the Free Staters, they burned their barracks and retreated in an orderly manner to the west.

It is believed that practically the entire consignment of stamps delivered by the Eagle Printing Works was destroyed by the withdrawing army. Since these stamps were delivered to a competent governmental authority in charge at the time, these stamps have the status of a series prepared but un-issued.

There's little evidence to show that these stamps saw postal usage. Copies are believed to have been used on letters from Dunmanway to Cork, but this is lacking confirmation. It is also believed that small shipments may have been sent to West Cork.

While not having the status of issued stamps, the I.R.A. ones represent army authority in Cork, and hold more of a claim to recognition than do three Sinn Fein labels issued in the years 1906-1916. The Sinn Fein labels were issued strictly for propaganda purposes and never can claim the status of a postage stamp, while the I.R.A. stamps were originally intended for postal use.

The 1d chestnut, and the 2d pale yellow-green were lithographed in sheets of 120 and comprise 10 horizontal rows of twelve, made up by transfers of six subjects arranged in two horizontal rows of three. Each subject differs from the others in some detail but the difference is slight.

In addition to these permanent minor varieties, many stamps

show variations in inking. Both values are perforated 11 and imperforate; the perforation is of a rough single line. The 6d dark blue, was lithographed in sheets of 120, composed of double horizontal rows of ten divided into four panes of 40 subjects each. It has been reported that the sheet consisted of 80 stamps but it has not been authenticated.

It was printed on white wove paper, is unwatermarked and perforated 11 or imperforate. Like the 1d values, it exists on laid paper, perforated 11, but unperfected. Double impressions are known to exist on both papers perforated 11. There is a variety with a broken "S" in "Post". A tete-beche appears on the wove paper.

It is believed that of the 1d and 2d values about 250 exist, of the 6d, about 1000—including all varieties.

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MY 25 YEARS (Continued from page 2)

In the later lists, the total exceeds 560.

One aspect which gives much zest to the chase, is the hunt for the rarer stamps used in Ireland, particularly the recognized varieties such as the OP - PC error in the 1½d of 1870; the LH - FL variety in the 2½d of 1873/80; and the broken frame varieties with letters JC or TA on the £1 brown-lilac of 1884 with Crowns Watermark; or the similar stamp of 1888 with the Orbs Watermark. As would be expected, when such items do turn up, it is very exceptional—and very exciting—for the cancellation to be other than either Dublin or Belfast.

Irish Free State

From the angle of philatelic study, perhaps the overprints still take pride of place, although there is a great deal of interest too, in the definitives and commemoratives—and many (but not all) of the latter are extremely attractive; notably, in my opinion, the Thomas Moore and Marian Year designs.

In the course of 25 years, many of the items sold individually from the Agnew collection have found their way into my hands. I will quote one example which illustrates the need for patience in this as well as the earlier groups which I have described.

One sheet of 240 of the ½d George V of Great Britain with the Rialtas overprint by Dollard, had the latter so badly misplaced that the top row of 12 stamps virtually missed the overprints, and the sheet margin at the bottom received it.

In the collection as originally acquired there were blocks of four from the top and bottom of the sheet which, together, illustrated

this error, but both were oil stained; as a result, it has always been understood, of the breakage of a bottle of hair oil in the baggage of the individual who was fortunate enough to buy this sheet at the post office.

I had always assumed - quite wrongly - that the whole sheet was so stained, and that this variety could only be shown in a collection with the stamps damaged in this way. It was not until late in 1955 that, when an important Irish collection was being broken up, I was able to acquire the "Control Block" (R21) showing the overprint three times horizontally on the bottom margin and without stain, demonstrating that not all the sheet was so affected.

I have subsequently learned that in the original sale catalogue of 1930, it was stated that "the right half of the sheet was stained in transit" and that I was quite wrong in my assumption; but the fact that I "should have known better" doesn't make it any less pleasing to have visual evidence of this!

And of course Postal History—of the more modern kind—plays its part even since 1922—and especially around that date and immediately following it. One cannot but be intrigued by the fact that although the King's Head was quickly overprinted as and from February 1922 in the case of the "adhesives" certain postal stationery continued to be valid without overprint for some considerable time—presumably because such items would be more difficult to overprint than mint sheets of stamps.

Britain postage dues, too, continued to be used, but here the portrait of the monarch was not involved. And why was it that although definitives from ½d to 1/- appeared with little delay, later in 1922 and during 1923, the Sea Horses design, portraying George V, continued to be used for 15 years until the St. Patrick design was issued in 1937?

It can hardly have been because of heavy stocks which it was desired to use up, as the re-engraved Waterlow printing of the British stamps in the 2/6, 5/-, and 10/- values, overprinted for use in Ireland in 1935 (S.G. 99/101) did not appear in the United Kingdom until October 1934.

Finally, in this third part of my collection of "Anything Irish" I include, perhaps for the sake of relaxation, what is to me an extremely interesting little group of the stamps of other countries with an Irish association of some kind; an example is the device of the British Colony of Montserrat; and of course the portraits of anyone of Irish extraction qualify for inclusion, from O'Higgins of Chile to Princess Grace of Monaco!

I have only been able to indicate the three main lines which a collection of "anything Irish" can follow, with a few more detailed examples in each group. But I hope that enough has been written to stimulate the interest of any who at present don't collect the Irish issues at all and to widen the scope of those who do so in a limited sphere.

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AUSTRIA-NEW ZEALAND. OFFER PAPER mixture. Big value at 1000 at \$1.00. Canada All pictorial and commemorative assortment over 30 varieties 200 for \$1.00. France: All large pictorials, wonderful assortment, over 30 varieties \$1.00. Postage extra. Odias Demer, Sanford, Maine. (43)

POSTPAID PARCEL \$2.10 BRITISH COLONIES, Hi-values, bank clippings, Airmails, etc. finest worldwide on paper mixture. Wm. Laubscher, Box 383, Painesville, Ohio. (48)

GENUINE UNSORTED BELGIUM CONGO World bank mixture, plenty high val. pictorials, etc. \$4.00 postpaid. Satisfaction guaranteed. ASD. APS, 74, Rue Relais Watermaal, Brussels Belgium. (51)

U. S. MISSION MIXTURE. BEST QUALITY available. Contains large commemoratives, airmails, precancels, high values, etc. 50c. \$2.25 or 10 pounds \$4.25. Postage extra. Nick Bledsoe, 9240 Valley Road, Philadelphia 14, Pa. (49)

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WORLDWIDE MIXTURE UNPICKED 3 1/2 for \$9.95 postpaid, many sleepers; stamps 1000 different. J. W. Talbert Co., 36201 Vine St., Willoughby, Ohio. (51)

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MIXTURES

FOREIGN STAMP MIXTURE, CATALOGING 4c up, \$15.00 catalog for \$1.00. No approvals. John Draszga, 7409 Kessel Street, Forest Hills 75, New York. (49)

\$11.00 CAT. VALUE, 5c UP FOREIGN FOR \$1.00; maximum 4 duplicates. \$23.00, \$2.00, 6 duplicates. V. J. Exchange, 4525 N. Seeley, Chicago 25, Illinois. (44)

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LARGE QUANTITIES OF U. S. HIGH values and large commensurate Write or send what you have. Edmund Ledoux, P. O. Box 428, Eunice, Louisiana. (43)

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DOUBLE FACE PROMPTLY PAID FOR mint and well centered plate number blocks of 4 #1039-8c Liberty, C48-4c Air Mail. No others please. Alex Sharp, 825 Quince, McAllen, Texas. (45)

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U. S. USED 4c BLUE EAGLE AIRMAIL, C48. Paying \$1.10 per 100, off-paper, in good condition. Small quantities accepted. Snell Stamp Co., 1635 Westholme Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif. (44)

WANTLISTS

CURRENT USED BR. COLONIES WANT Lists solicited. References please 25c service fee on selections under \$2.00. McQuestion, 13544 Woodward, Highland Park 3, Michigan. (tf)

U. S. PLATE BLOCKS, COINS. WANT Lists wanted. List free. Wranovics, Staten Island 9, New York. (46)

BRITISH COLONIES POSTALLY USED. George VI or Queen Elizabeths. Write your needs today. F. C. Denney, 119 1/2 South Main Street, Rockford, Ill. (45)

WHOLESALE

U. S. MINT PER 3. FOR BEST VALUES request wholesale list. G. M. Crane, 507 Garber St., Hollidaysburg, Pa. (tf)

TOPICALS, BRITISH COLONIALS, PAC- kets, wholesale list free to dealers. Paul Ledermann, 33-25 81st St., Jackson Heights 72, L. I. N. Y. (tf)

FOREIGN SINGLES SETS. LISTS FREE. Progressiva, 3701 Burkhardt Cincinnati 25, Ohio. (61)

U. S. PER 1 AND 10. MINT USED AND Plate Blocks. Ernest Lush, 8423 Ellsworth, Detroit 38, Mich. (tf)

CANADA QUANTITIES LIST FREE. Kruger, Box 22, Snowdon, Montreal, Quebec. (42)

1946 WHOLESALE PRICE LIST OF UNITED States stamps free on request to dealers and investors. S. H. Engel Company, 36 Park Row, New York 38, New York. (41)

Will Have Cachet For U.S.S. Barry

The Old Ironsides Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society is sponsoring a cachet for the commissioning of the U.S.S. Barry at the Boston Naval Shipyard on or about August 31.

Prepared envelopes with the name and address at lower right, a 3c stamp, stuffer and 1c per cover can be sent to John E. Gill, 43 Renwick Rd., Melrose 76, Mass. Commemorative on the outer cover appreciated.

IRELAND'S POSTAL (Continued from page 1)

find Principal Offices, Town Sub-Offices and lastly (from a philatelic standpoint) Branch Offices.

The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs has provided special services for stamp collectors. Briefly they are;

1 — A Philatelic Counter is maintained at the GPO in Dublin where permanent and commemorative postage stamps and postage due labels may be purchased in person or by mail under the usual conditions. Books of postage stamps, rolls (coils) of postage stamps, postcards, lettercards, envelopes both regular and registered, and newspaper wrappers may also be obtained at this section.

2 — Special light cancellations may be obtained on letters handed in at Head Offices with a request for same.

3 — On the first day of issue of any new stamp First Day Covers will be specially cancelled and impressed with a first day of issue mark. This is limited to certain Head Offices the names of which are announced prior to the date of issue.

There are many services or sub-services which are performed by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs which have specific interest to the stamp collector other than the issuance of stamps and postal stationery. The list includes;

Air Letter Sheets — A special form supplied by the post office on purchase of an 8 pence stamp

which is to be affixed to the form for prepayment of postage.

PAR AVION AER-POST

Air Mail Labels — To expedite handling of air mail letters, a blue air mail label bearing the appropriate legends is supplied free by the Post Office. A large size label is supplied for packages going by air.

Cut Out Stamps — Embossed or impressed postage stamps cut out of envelopes, postcards, lettercards, wrappers or telegraph forms may be used as adhesive stamps in payment of postage or telegraph fees provided they are not imperfect or defaced in any way.

POST OFFICE EXPRESS

Express Fee Pence
(Including For Reply)
M.P. 459.

Express Delivery — This service is confined to the transmission of letters and parcels admissible to the ordinary post and carries a special fee which must be prepaid by affixing postage stamps to the letter or parcel. The letter must be so marked and must bear a broad perpendicular line from top to bottom on both front and back.

Late Fee — A special fee of 1/2 pence per letter is charged on letters for dispatch which have been posted after the ordinary hours of collection and which the sender wishes to have treated as having been posted during those hours of ordinary collection. At Head Post Offices a Late Fee of 6 pence is charged on Registered letters for dispatch by a particular post when that post has already closed under ordinary business.

Perforated Initials — Stamps may be perforated with initials but not with names or trade marks. The perforations may be no larger than those used to separate the stamps. This work is not performed by the post office.

For a full understanding of the many duties and services of the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs the collector should obtain and read a copy of the Irish Post Office Guide, **EOLAI AN PHOIST**. When in print this may be obtained from the Stationery Office in Dublin for the very nominal sum of 2/- plus postage. It contains among other valuable information a postal directory in Irish and in English of all the Offices in Ireland.

EIRE PHILATELIC (Continued from page 1)

the collector with the names and addresses so that he may correspond with members of a similar collecting interest.

A Free Gaelic translation service is rendered members. An expertizing service, also gratis, gives opinions on doubtful items. In 1952 the Association published a list of Gaelic-English town cancellation stations. This booklet makes it an easy matter to determine the equivalent town name in English.

Membership in Eire Philatelic Assn. is represented in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany South Africa, Dominican Republic, Central and South America, Hawaii and Australia.

The Association desires to popularize and encourage the collecting of stamps, postal stationery, covers and postal history of Ireland. It also encourages its members to participate in stamp exhibitions and display their collections in competition.

We of E.P.A. are proud that we have stimulated a revitalized interest in the philately of the small isle which has given the world so many great leaders in the fields of government, industry, commerce and the professions.

Facts About The E.P.A.

Yearly dues are \$3. There are no initiation fees and those of either sex, eighteen years of age or over, may become members. If the applicant is a member of a recognized national philatelic society he may be admitted without sponsors—otherwise two references are needed. Information concerning Eire Philatelic Association may be secured by writing John J. Clark, secretary, 947 E. 32nd St., Brooklyn 10 N.Y.

Dealer ★ ★ ★ Doings

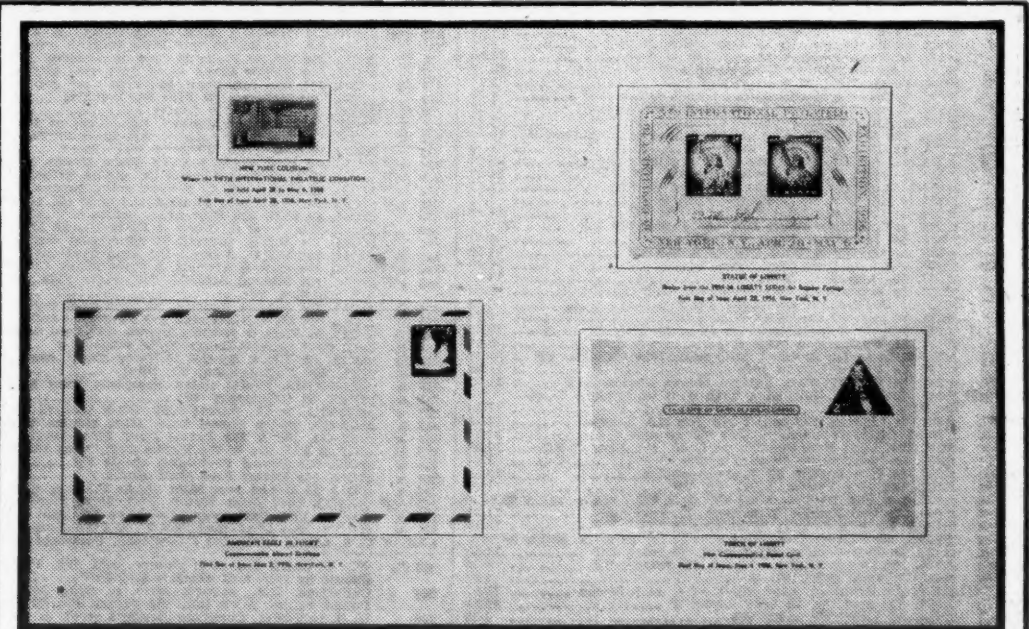
The Felix Brunner collection of Austria, well known around the world, and a winner of several gold medals, will be available for private treaty sales, and will also be offered at auction beginning in September. Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y. has the collection. Inspection of the collection can be made in New York.

Richard M. Needham of the Mahdeen Cover Service, 708 N. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, Ohio will be gone from his office from July 1 until the middle of August and during that time will not be able to handle correspondence or orders for service. He will be attending a printing trade school for offset lithography. So no mail for six weeks.

Many times collectors become involved in a specialty for which apparently there is no literature available. However, since most have been written about at some time or another it is quite possible that the Price List of Philatelic Literature at 25c per copy from Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, N.Y. will have something pertinent.

Since June 10, Lester S. Glass former Philadelphia stamp dealer has shifted his operations to the west coast at P.O. Box 36646, Wilshire-La Brea, Sta., Los Angeles 36, Calif. The transfer to the west coast will not be completed until July 10, Mr. Glass making a vacation trip across the country as he progresses westward to L.A.

In the June 11 edition of Linn's there was a mispricing which will not be honored by Stamps International, 509 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. in whose ad it appeared. Switzerland Scott Nos. 293-305 is to sell at \$8.50 and not \$1.85 as printed. The firm had a number of nice offers in that ad which should still prove interesting to readers.



THE HIT OF FIPEX!

This shows the inside of the most popular item to appear during the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition at New York City April 28 to May 6. It has spaces for each of the four postage pieces produced by the United States Post Office Department — the 3c Commem. the 11c Souvenir Sheet; the 6c Airmail Envelope; the 2c Postal Card.

Here in one place you can attractively mount the four—and they make a beautiful eye-catching display, too!

On the front page is the dedicatory inscription relating to the big show, plus a clever line drawing of the huge New York Coliseum in which the show was held. The back page has the FIPEX Seal.

Folders are 8 1/4 inches wide x 10 1/2 inches high — 90lb. antique finish Andorra stock with deckle-edge.

There are two ways to get one: —

1. Send us a new subscription and payment (\$1. for U. S.; \$1.50 Canada; \$2.50 Foreign) upon which we will send you a souvenir folder free.

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Sidney, Ohio

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TUESDAY JULY 24TH, 1956

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544 VALLEY ROAD

UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

Lots on view June 20th to date of sale.

Usual rules and regulations governing all sales prevail. All lots will be sold to the highest MAIL OFFER, at a slight advance over the next highest offer received by 3 P.M. July 24th. THIS IS DEFINITIVE MAIL SALE. THERE WILL BE NO FLOOR BIDDING TO TOP YOUR OFFERS. In sending your offers, state the highest price you are prepared to pay, your limit will not be used unless necessary. Bidders unknown to us will submit satisfactory references or expect to be billed for lots prior to receipt. ALL LOTS ARE FULLY GUARANTEED AND RETURNABLE WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIPT.

*Mint: Block: OG: Original Gum; NH: Never Hinged; SE: Straight Edge; OC: Off Center; C: Cover; can: Cancellation; R, L, T, B: Right, Left, Top, Bottom, etc.

DESCRIPTIONS

SUPERB—The finest possible condition for the item.
VERY FINE—VF—Slightly less perfect than superb.
FINE (F)—Perforations clear, OG if mint, lightly cancelled if used.
VERY GOOD (VG)—Good cancellable copy which may be a bit off center or a bit heavily cancelled.
GOOD (G)—OFF center or heavily cancelled.

CATALOG NUMBERS AND PRICES FROM SCOTT'S 1956 CATALOGS
PLEASE MAIL YOUR OFFERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

LOT #	DESCRIPTION	CAT. VALUE
1	Stampless, neat "Alden, N.Y. 1 Feb. 'clear' 5" can.	37.50
2	#10 x 1, 5c Providence, VF	75.00
3	#1, 5c dark brown, fine 4 margin copy, almost full OG — a gem	75.00
4	#7, 1c 1851, type II, Fine unused, 3 good margins	27.50
5	#7, 1c VG Fine pair, one stamp small tear	27.50
6	#9, Fine copy, design cut at top, shows adj. stamp at B	7.50
7	#18, 1c 1857, type I, VF used copy, a gem	42.50
8	#33, 10c type III, VG	9.00
9	#36, 12c Black VG full OG	16.00
10	#36, 12c Washington, light red cancellation	11.00
11	#37, 24c Lilac, F appearance, red grid can., has crease	22.50
12	#38, 71-72, 10c-30c-90c, Minor defects	32.50
13	#65, Unused blk. of 4, part gum, VF	8.50
14	#69, 12c 1861 VG blue cancellation	5.50
15	#73, (4) 93 F "Black Jack" covers 1 with #63—nice lot	15.00+
16	#73, Black Jack, perfect centering, slight crease on back	8.00+
17	#76, 1c Jefferson, OG, few nibbed perfs repaired	10.00
18	#76, 5c Jefferson red "PAID" cancellation VG	7.50+
19	#77, 5c Lincoln VG	9.00
20	#78-98 Lincoln, Washington VG	14.00
21	#78a, 24c Grey Lilac part OG, VG	12.00
22	#78b, 24c Grey used VG	7.00
23	#128, 1c single presentable space filler	10.00
24	#95, 5c Jefferson grill, fancy can., 2 short perfs.	35.00
25	#95, used defects space filler	35.00
26	#95a, 5c grill, OC but still a nice copy	35.00
27	#96, VG, used 10c grill fancy can.	6.00
28	#98, 10c Lincoln, OG	25.00
29	#99, 24c Gray grill, reperfed VG	50.00
30	#100, 30c Franklin, grill, small thin, few nibbed perfs.	25.00
31	#112-14, 117, 1-3c, 12c Pictorials, slight defects VG	19.85
32	#115-17, 6c, 10c, 12c Pictorials, VG	25.50
33	#116, 6c Washington, fresh, no gum, ave. center	22.50
34	#116, no gum, short 2 perfs.	27.50
35	#117, 12c Ship pictorial, VG	8.50
36	#118, 15c Type I, Columbus fresh, light can. cent.	35.00
37	#118, 15c, 1869, type I, used, tear	35.00
38	#118, another 15c, 1869, type I, heavy can.	35.00
39	#119, 15c type II, VG	9.00
40	#119, 15c type II, 1869, used OC	9.00
41	#119, 15c type II, 1869, used OC	9.00
42	#120, 24c Independence, F appearance, closed tear	37.50
43	#121, 10c Jackson, OG, 70 copies VG-F	37.50
44	#129, 1c grill, small tear, VG	37.50
45	#146, 2c red brown, 53 copies, VG-F	18.55
46	#149, Mint, VG	18.50
47	#149, 1c Stanton, used VF	5.00
48	#153, 2c used fine, red cancellation	12.00
49	#153, 2c used VG	9.00
50	#157, 2c brown, 20 copies, VG-F	8.00
51	#166, very well centered, appears VF, but closed tear	15.00
52	#187, 10c soft paper, 11 VG-F copies	13.75
53	#205, 5c Grant, 100 Fine ave. copies	40.00
54	#205, 5c Grant, 100 Fine ave. copies	40.00
55	#211, 4c Jackson, 100 Fine ave. copies	65.00
56	#217, 30c orange brown, VF	6.50
57	#218, 90c purple, used, has crease, VF	15.00
58	#220a, 50 VG-F copies "cap on left 2"	5.00
59	#221, 1c Jackson, 100 VG-F copies	36.00
60	#229, 90c, 1890, VG registry can.	6.00
61	#230, 100 used copies G to VF	6.00
62	#233, 4c Columbian, 36 sound VG-VF copies	14.40
63	#233, 4c Columbian, 51 copies, seconds	20.40
64	#236, 8c Columbian, Mint Fine	2.75
65	#237, 10c Columbian, Mint Fine	6.00
66	#237, 10c Columbian, no gum, OC	6.00
67	#237, 10c Columbian, 57 sound copies, VG-VF	34.20
68	#237, 10c Columbian, 39 copies, seconds	23.60
69	#238, 15c Columbian, Mint VF	9.00
70	#239, 10c Columbian, used VG	8.00
71	#239, 30c Columbian, used, well centered, but heavily can.	10.00
72	#270, 5c Grant, 50 Fine average copies	10.00
73	#277, 5c Madison, used Fine	37.50
74	#283, 10c Mint Blk. of 4 NH, VG	40.00
75	#283c, 10c Webster 23 copies and #283 39 copies VG-F	13.55
76	#286, 2c 30 used copies G to VF	45.50
77	#286, 2c 30 used copies G to VF	45.50
78	#287, 4c Omaha Fine Mint	5.50
79	#288, 5c Omaha VF mint	5.00
80	#288, 5c Omaha VG	5.00
81	#289, 8c Omaha Fine Mint	7.50
82	#289, 8c Omaha Fine Mint	7.50
83	#291, 50c Omaha Mint single Fine	35.00
84	#291, 50c Omaha Mint single Fine	35.00
85	#294-299 Mint Complete set Pan-American F-VF	27.35
86	#294-299 Mint Complete set Pan-American G-F	27.35
87	#295, 2c Pan-American 50 used copies G-F	5.50
88	#295, 2c Pan-American 50 used copies G-F	5.50
89	#301-7, 2c-10c 1902, 3c thin, balance VG-F	12.40
90	#305, 6c Garfield 10 used copies G-F	3.00
91	#306, 8c Martha Washington 20 used copies G-F	3.00
92	#306, 8c Martha Washington 80 F-Aver. copies	12.00
93	#308, 1c-10c 1902 VG-F	32.50
94	#309, 15c Clay, Blk. of 4, Mint 2 stamps gum thin F	32.50
95	#311, 5c 1902 used Fine copy	4.00
96	#312, 5c Madison Fine though 1 mm tear	22.50
97	#320, 2c Mint Blk. of 4 with imprint, NH VF	11.00
98	#322-7, 1c-5c 1902 VG-F	13.75
99	#323, 1c 1902, 1c & 2c Louisiana Mint F	11.00
100	#324, 2c Louisiana Mint Blk. of 4, NH VG	11.00
101	#324, 2c Louisiana Mint Blk. of 15, 3x5 NH VG	32.50+
102	#325, 3c Louisiana Mint, NH Fine	6.00
103	#325, 10c Louisiana Mint Blk. of 4 NH VF	27.50
104	#325, 10c Louisiana Mint, NH Fine	6.00
105	#327, 10c Louisiana Mint, VG	17.50
106	#328, 1c Jamestown, 10 used copies G-F	4.00
107	#328-30 Jamestown complete VG-F	4.15
108	#330, 5c Jamestown, Mint F	7.00
109	#335, 1c of 4, 3mm spacing F	35.00
110	#342, 1c Washington used F	8.50
111	#343-7, 1c to 5c, 3c Mint, bal. used, 1909 imperfs. VF	10.25
112	#347, 5c VF horizontal pair	11.25
113	#347, 5c Vertical pair, bottom stamp scissors cut	11.25
114	#346, 1c Imperf. Blk. of 4 with part of imprint 3mm	17.50
115	#367, 2c Lincoln, 150 copies inc new SE F aver	37.50
116	#368-371-373, Commemoratives VF no gum	14.00
117	#397-400, Mint Pan Pacific, perf. 12, complete G-VG	19.50
118	#397, 1c Pan Pacific 20 used copies G-F	3.00
119	#397, 1c Pan Pacific 73 F. aver. copies	10.95
120	#400, 10c Pan Pacific, Mint NH VF	11.00
121	#400, 10c Pan Pacific, Mint OC pair with plate #6135	22.00+
122	#400, 10c Pan Pacific, Mint perf. 12, part gum F	11.00
123	#400A, 10c Pan Pacific, Mint orange VG	12.00
124	#400A, 10c Pan Pacific, Mint orange OC pr plate #6135	24.00+
125	#403, 1c Pan Pacific, 10 Mint OC	17.50
126	#404, 10c Pan Pacific used perf. 10, scarce, VF	6.50
127	#410-13, Coll pairs VG-F	7.50
128	#421, 50c Franklin, used Block of 4, re-inforced	15.00
129	#422, 50c perf. 12, 19 used copies F	32.25
130	#480, 45 Marshall, used VG	4.50
131	#480, 45 Marshall, used VG	4.50
132	#481-3 Imperf. Blocks VF	9.40
133	#481-482-483a Mint Blks. of 4, NH VF	9.40
134	#482, 3c imperf. center line Blk. of 4, boardwalk margins	9.00
135	#486, 1c Fresh perf. block of 6	22.50
136	#511-1, 1c Franklin, 65 copies incl. few precancels VG-VF	22.50
137	#518, 1c Franklin, Mint perf. 11, VF	11.00
138	#523, 83 orange and black, used	23.50
139	#531, 1c offset imp. Mint Blk. of 4 with plate #9952 VF	9.00
140	#532b, 2c offset imp. Mint Blk. of 4 VF+	8.00
141	#540-50 Pilgrim set complete, Mint VG-F	5.05
142	#549, 2c Pilgrim, 100 Fine aver. copies, inc. 17 SE	15.50
143	#552, 1c Franklin, 50 Fine average Mint copies NH	7.50
144	#560 8c Grant, Very Fine Block of 4	12.50
145	#571 5c 1923 plate block of 6, VF, NH	22.50
146	#573 5c 1923 Margin Block of 8-2 Pl. # & Arrow, VF 100.00	100.00
147	#573 5c Bicolor, 31 copies incl. Blks. All perf initials.	41.85
148	#576-786 24 FDC incl. Parks, cpl. Army Navy cpl. oaks, etc.	27.50
149	#612-618 Wallon set Cpl. F-VF	3.35
150	#617-619 Lexington Cpl. F-VF	3.35
151	#620 Fine mint center line block of 4, Norse American	6.00
152	#622-3, 13c & 17c Block & Single of Each VF	7.10
153	#630 White Plains Sheet Mint-Fine	32.50
154	#630 White Plains Sheet Mint-Fine	32.50
155	#634b 2c Type II Mint Blk. of 4 OC NH	42.50
156	#650 10 used copies VG to VF 5c Aero	7.50
157	#658-668 Kansas Cpl. VF set. Tho 3c slightly thin	20.75
158	#702 30c Plate Blks of 4 2c Varktown Good-Fine	22.50
159	#704-6, 716, 736 3c Sheet of Each VF	24.48
160	#704-715 Bicentennial 8 cpl. sets VG-VF incl. Blocks	19.75
161	#715 10c Bicentennial VF Plate Block of 4	12.50
162	#708, 709, 3c & 4c Bicentennial 50 each VG-VF mint	15.00+
163	#730-31, 735, 750-751 Souvenir Sheets VF	18.60
164	#735 5c Sheets 3c Eyrd Souvenir Sheets VF	15.00
165	#751 10 sheets 1c Park Souvenir sheets VF	15.50
166	#785-794 Army Navy 100 sets cpl. Fine Average used	40.00
167	Prexie odd values 16c (90), 19c (91), 22c (72) 24c (68), F	45.57
168	#823 50 used copies F-VF. Some blocks	3.00
169	#827, 22c Presidential, 50 Fine aver. copies	9.00
170	#828, 25c Presidential, 300 Fine used copies	12.00
171	#829, 25c Presidential, 1000 used copies	40.00
172	#832, 25c Presidential, 1000 Fine aver. copies	6.00
173	#832-834, Plate Blocks of 4 VF, 5c, 10c, 15c Prexies	65.00
174	#834, 5c Presidential, 10 used copies VG-VF	5.00
175	#834, 5c Presidential, 2 used Blocks of 4 F	4.00
176	#854 Inaugural, complete sheet F	5.00
177	#859-93, Famous Americans, comp. set cacheted FDC	30.00
178	#859-93, Famous Americans, cpl. set uncacheted small neat FDC	30.00

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181	#859-93, Famous Americans, cpl. set of Blks VF Cent.	
182	No Gum ex. 863	
183	#893, 10c Bell, VF mint Block NH	12.00
184	#893, 10c Bell, 5 VF Mint copies, incl. Blk. NH	14.75
185	#893, 10c Bell, 10 copies, incl. 2 Mint Blk VF NH	29.50
186	#894, Pony Express, complete sheet of 50 VF	
187	#906, 5c China, Plate Block VF	5.00
188	#906, 5c China, 30 copies Mint VF	9.00
189	#909, Flag Name Blocks Complete VF	15.20
190	#909-21 Flags, complete blocks on Cacheted First Day Cov.	
191	#909-21 Flags, complete on Cacheted First Day Covers	
192	#917, Jugo, Flags 100 copies F Aver.	10.00
193	#919, Austria Flags, 100 copies F Aver.	10.00
194	#921, 3c Pirena, Complete sheet of 50 VF	
195	#922, Railroad, Complete sheet of 50 VF	
196	#922, Railroad, Complete sheet of 50 VF	
197	#923, Steamship, Complete sheet of 50 VF	
198	#925, Corridor, Complete sheet of 50 VF	
199	#927-1076, Collection Plate Blocks Comms. Cpl. 1945-56 VF	
199	#959, Women, Freak perf. sheet, horiz. perfs thru design	
200	#964, Oregon, Complete sheet VF	
201	#965, Stone, Complete sheet VF	
202	#966, Palomar, Complete sheet of 70, UR23889, scarce # VF	
203	#968, Poultry, Complete sheet VF	
204	#971, 3c Firemen, Complete sheet VF	
205	#972, Indian Terr. Complete sheet VF	
206	#973, Rough Riders, Complete sheet of 50 VF	
207	#973, Rough Riders, Complete sheet VF	
208	#974, Juliet Low, Complete sheet VF	
209	#977, Molna Michael, Complete sheet VF	
210	#1044, 4c Marshall, matched PB (4) Mint VF cpl. set.	14.40
211	#1046, 1c Patrick Henry, matched PB (4) Mint VF	28.00
212	#C1-3, First Airs, Fine Mint Set	17.25
213	#C3, Bi-Color Airmail, 4 copies Fresh Mint Bit OC	24.00
214	#C5, 16c Airs, Mint OC, Pair with Plate #	13.00
215	#C14, 1c-30c Zeppelin, well centered, Bit hard hit, F	35.00
216	#C18, 50c Zeppelin Fine Mint	9.00
217	#C18, Block of 4, Mint VF Zeppelin	36.00
218	#C18, 50c Zeppelin, F used	7.50
219	#C23, Bi-Color Air, complete sheet of 50 VF	
220	#C23, 6c Bi-Color Airs, 11 diff. Plate Blocks F-VF	13.20
221	#C24, 3c Transatlantic, 25 copies used F	12.50
222	#C25, C27-C31 First Day Covers, uncacheted, singles	
223	#C25, 6c Plane, 12 Plate Blocks, P-VF	8.40
224	#C25-C31 Complete Mint Plate Blocks of 4 VF	16.05
225	#C31, 50c Yellow Plane 20 Fine used copies	6.00
226	#C31, 50c Yellow Plane - 50 Fine used copies	15.00
227	#C34, 10c Pan-American, 200 Fine used copies	12.00
228	#C36, 25c Bridge, 100 Fine used copies	10.00
229	#C36, 25c Bridge, 100 Fine used copies	30.00
230	#C38, 5c New York Jubilee, Cpl. sheet of 100 VF	
231	#C38, 5c New York Jubilee, Cpl. sheet of 100 VF	
232	#C38, 5c New York, VF Mint Plate Block	2.50
233	#C38, 5c New York, 5 F-VF Plate Blocks Mint	12.50
234	#C38, 5c New York 5 usual OC plates Blocks (5)	12.50
235	#C38, 5c New York, 50 F-Aver. Mint, Blocks, etc.	7.50
236	#C38, 5c New York, 12 blocks, 1 pair (50 copies) VG-VF	
237	#C41, 6c Coll, 200 Fine-Aver. copies	12.00
238	#C43, 15c Plane & Globe, 7 Plate Blocks Mint F-VF	10.50
239	#C44, 25c U.P.U. Airmail 20 Fine used copies	5.00
240	#C44, 25c U.P.U. Airmail 100 Fine used copies	25.00
241	#C46, 80c Hawaii Airmail, 1 Plate Block VF, #24592	6.00
242	#C46, 80c Hawaii Airmail, Cpl. Plate Blks., #24592	
243	VF Matched Set	24.00+
244	#C46, 80c Hawaii Airmail, 20 Fine used copies	13.00
245	#C46, 80c Hawaii Airmail, 100 Fine used copies	65.00
246	#C47, 6c First & Modern Planes, 100 used copies	6.00
247	#E1 First Special Delivery, VF mint copy	7.50
248	#E19, 20c Black Special Delivery 300 F Aver. copies	24.00
249	#F1, 10c Registration, VF Mint	3.50
250	#PNI-PN18, Postal Notes, complete, Face \$4.95	7.45
251	#PNI-PN18, Postal Notes, complete, Face \$4.95	17.50
252	#Q1-Q11, 1c-50c Parcel Post VG-F Q10, 11 SE Gum thin	35.43
253	#Q1-Q6, 1c-10c Parcel Post, Mint singles VG-F	5.18
254	#Q9 & Q11, 25c & 75c Parcel Post, Mint singles F	6.25
255	#Q10, 50c Parcel Post Mint single VF	16.00
256	#Q10, 50c Parcel Post Mint single F	16.00
257	#Q12, 5c Parcel Post Mint single F Hinge thin	16.00
258	#RW13, 1947 Dux Stamp Mint Plate Block of 4 F-VF 11.00+	
259	#W3, 1908 Christmas Seal Type II, Mint OG single	5.00
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262	#U. S. Collection, 2543 stamps, incl. Blk. PB, etc.	
263	Should be seen well worth a \$300 Bid	
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270	Box of 1000 unused 19th Century covers, 19th Century First Days, etc. Well worth a \$25 bid	
271	Large Lot Several Thousand Seals, Christmas and Misc. incl. WX10, WX20, etc.	
272	Mystery lot, odds and ends, U.S., Foreign, covers, seals, etc.	
273	U.S. Bundles, Huge lot, mostly 19th Century, A&N, #65-1083, Well worth \$200 to a dealer	
274	#733 and prior 210 First Days & First Flight Covers, Valuable lot incl. 616s, etc.	
275	25 Different Sheets between #785 and #9990. Best is #9901, Val. \$36.50	
276	Lot, 378 First Day Covers between #726 and C48. Includes Airs, Famous Americans, etc. Very wide variety. Almost all cacheted	
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286	Ceylon #2, Good used copy	30.00
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